

Table 15.27-- WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES: 1987, 1992 AND 1997

[In previous Economic Censuses, ownership was based on the race/ethnicity/gender of the of the majority of the number of owners, without regard to the percentage of interest owned in the firm. Businesses with 50 percent or more minority owners have in the past been included in the minority business counts. In the 1997 Economic Census, 51 percent or more of the interest, claims or rights in the business must be held by minorities to be included as a minority-owned business and similarly for women]

Subject	All firms (whether or not owned by minorities)	Women- owned firms 1/	Percent women- owned 1/
1987			
All firms:			
Number	60,928	21,696	35.6
Sales and receipts (\$1,000)	6,522,000	856,930	13.1
1992			
All firms:			
Number	79,050	29,743	37.6
Sales and receipts (\$1,000)	10,724,000	2,574,800	24.0
Firms with paid employees:			
Number	10,420	3,089	29.6
Sales and receipts (\$1,000)	8,806,000	2,044,345	23.2
Employees	99,280	25,937	26.1
Annual payroll (\$1,000)	1,799,000	421,866	23.5
1997			
All firms:			
Number	93,981	25,807	27.5
Sales and receipts (\$1,000)	55,361,257	3,253,329	5.9
Firms with paid employees:			
Number	23,415	3,767	16.1
Sales and receipts (\$1,000)	52,869,179	2,761,205	5.2
Employees	412,304	30,138	7.3
Annual payroll (\$1,000)	10,418,079	580,473	5.6

1/ A firm is classified as women-owned if the sole proprietor or at least half of the partners or shareholders were women.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, *1992 Economic Census*, WB92-1, *Women-Owned Businesses* (Jan. 1996), tables 2 and 11, and *1997 Economic Census*, EC97CS-2, *Women-Owned Businesses, Hawaii* (March 2001); *1997 Economic Census, Minority and Women-Owned Businesses, Hawaii* <<http://www.census.gov/epcd/mwb97/hi/HI.html>> accessed May 8, 2001; DBED, *Data Book 1993-94*, table 15.26.